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The Honorable George Miller, Chair
Committee on Education and Labor
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Miller:

The California Charter Schools Association is writing to support the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act, H.R. 3221. We understand that H.R. 3221 focuses on making college accessible by transforming the operation of student loan programs. The Act provides support for community colleges and supports high-quality online training high school and college courses. H.R. 3221 also establishes The Early Learning Challenge Grant program which will improve early childhood education.

We appreciate the provisions in the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act supporting public school modernization, renovation and repairs programs including charter schools. As charter schools focus on student achievement and success, securing and maintaining modern and technologically sufficient facilities is a pressing issue. The school modernization provisions of H.R. 3221 will provide critically needed assistance as we all work to advance student achievement and success.

The mission of the California Charter Schools Association is to increase student achievement by strengthening and expanding quality public charter schools throughout California. The California Charter Schools Association is the membership and professional organization serving the public charter schools in the State of California. Public charter schools offer an important and timely public school option to address the challenges facing our traditional education system and fulfill the demand for high-quality options in public education.

The California Charter Schools Association supports The Student Aid Fiscal Responsibility Act and asks that the House Education and Labor Committee and the House of Representatives pass H.R. 3221.

We look forward to working with you and the Education and Labor Committee on this legislation.

Sincerely,

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